

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on December 3, 2009.

Claims 8 and 21 are amended; claims 1-7 and 15-20 were previously canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; claim 29 is presently cancelled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result, claims 8-14 and 21-28 are now pending in this application.

Example support for the amendments may be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the learned Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification page 9 lines 16-23, page 14 lines 17-24, and page 18 lines 19-23.

Applicant believes that the amendments are being made to place the application in condition for allowance and that said amendments would not necessitate any new searching on the part of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the learned Examiner enter the amendments for the record and consider the remarks presented herein and below.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 8-14 and 21-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amdur et al.(U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2008/0134286) in view of Tsudik (U.S. Patent No. 6,072,875). Obviousness requires that each and every element be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

The learned Examiner has recited Amdur for teaching the tripartite relationship of the principal, the service, and the resource. In support of this alleged teaching paragraph 140 of Amdur was recited. In paragraph 140 of Amdur policies for users are inherited. This is a hierarchical arrangement and is not tripartite. In fact, no example shows a specific tripartite relationship in the Amdur reference.

Applicant has also now clarified what the tripartite relationship entails, to wit, policies defining access to specific attributes. The policies define operations that the service performs on behalf of a principal against the resource and the operations (policies) map to attributes or specific data fields of the resource. This is not shown in this level of detail and with this relationship in the cited references.

According, the proposed combination fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the amended independent claims. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the pending claims allowed.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action, however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record is relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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